Counseling Psychology
Ph.D. Program
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES
The Counseling Psychology Program at the University of Miami has been accredited by The American Psychological Association since 1989 and has a proud tradition of preparing students as scholars and clinicians. Firmly committed to the foundational values of the discipline of counseling psychology, including its emphasis on prevention, optimal human development and the promotion of individual, family and community well-being, our program strives to prepare students who will make a difference in the world through research, scholarship, and reflective practice.

The Program advocates the scientist-practitioner model of training in which students receive extensive grounding in the scientific underpinnings of the discipline. In turn, students use this knowledge en route to becoming highly skilled scholars and clinicians. Although a degree from our program prepares students to be licensed as practicing psychologists, it is important to keep in mind that the Ph.D. is a research degree; our priority is to cultivate scholars who are capable of developing original lines of research and of playing leadership roles in both academic and applied settings. Applicants who are exclusively or primarily interested in psychotherapy practice are encouraged to consider more practitioner-oriented training programs like those offering a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) degree.

Our program values diversity in many senses of the word and we are firmly committed to the development of multicultural competence in each of our students. We adopt the philosophy that cultural competence is not a static achievement, but one of continual striving for excellence in the inclusion and affirmation of diverse populations. The University of Miami prides itself on being a “global university in a global city,” and this context offers students a unique opportunity to explore issues of diversity in all aspects of their lives. In the academic setting, such opportunities include: being involved in clinical training opportunities with diverse underserved populations; participating as research assistants in grant-funded projects addressing the health-related needs of these populations; pursuing original diversity-related dissertation projects; and, for those fluent in Spanish, practicing bilingual counseling skills in supervised practicum experiences. The training we offer on multicultural issues is consistent with the APA Guidelines on Multicultural Education, Training, Research, Practice, and Organizational Change for Psychologists.

Our Program does not adhere to any one theory of human functioning or any one theory of counseling and development. Faculty members work from a variety of theoretical orientations including psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioral, family systems and postmodern perspectives. We place a high value on students developing a firm grounding in theory and being able to clearly integrate theory in all of their research and clinical work. Diversity is also reflected in the areas of expertise of our faculty. Content areas of expertise include multicultural training, health psychology, social justice, systems and community intervention, and theoretical psychology. Please consult our faculty listings for a more thorough overview of faculty research interests.
ADMISSIONS

The Counseling Psychology Program typically receives over 100 applications each year and usually admits a class of five doctoral students. We employ a number of criteria to select students for admission including:

- the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Verbal, Quantitative, and Writing scores
- undergraduate and graduate grade point averages
- the relevance of the applicant’s academic background
- previous experience in research
- previous experience in counseling
- a personal statement, and
- three letters of recommendation.

In recent years, successful applicants have had an average combined (Verbal + Quantitative) GRE score of approximately 310. Their average undergraduate GPA was 3.55. In addition to students from the majority cultural group, we actively seek to admit students from a variety of racial, ethnic, and lifestyle groups. Forty-eight percent of the current doctoral student body is composed of members of non-majority groups. The present student body has more women (74%) than men, with a wide range of ages, and represent a diversity of sexual orientation identities and religious preferences.

The deadline for receiving completed applications is December 1st for the following Fall semester. Students are admitted only for the Fall semester. International applicants are strongly recommended to submit application materials no later than October 15, to allow sufficient time for document evaluation prior to the Program’s December 1st deadline. Complete information on application procedures including the online application process can be found on the Program’s website at:

sites.education.miami.edu/counseling-psychology-ph-d

FINANCIAL AID

Tuition Waiver
All full-time doctoral students are currently receiving funding through graduate assistantships and fellowships. This funding includes a full tuition waiver for required coursework. Students entering the program in the Fall, 2017 will receive a full tuition scholarship up to the designated number of credits required to complete their degree, assuming timely progress toward degree completion.

Graduate Assistantships
Graduate assistantships are generally available for 4-5 years of full-time study in the doctoral program. Graduate assistantships require 20 hours of work per week. Their stipends vary, but the stipend for a 20-hour assistantship in the School of Education and Human Development currently pays $20,250. Examples of assistantships include assisting faculty with research projects, providing administrative and research support to the Dunspaugh-Dalton Community & Educational Well-Being Research Center, providing editorial support to The Counseling Psychologist, and assisting the Director of Training with administrative and program development tasks.
**Mitchell Psychological Trauma Fellowship**
The Counseling Psychology Program offers the John C. Mitchell Research Fellowship in Psychological Trauma, which is awarded every year to a current student whose main line of research concerns trauma and posttraumatic stress (defined broadly). John Mitchell earned a doctorate from the University of Miami School of Education in 1975 and became a professional counselor in the Phoenix, Arizona area. While he was still an undergraduate student in Minnesota, Dr. Mitchell’s spine was damaged in an automobile accident, leaving him paralyzed. As a result of his injury, Dr. Mitchell developed a personal and professional interest in the relationship between psychological and physical trauma and, subsequently, in the more general area of psychological trauma research. Upon Dr. Mitchell’s death in 1998, he left an endowment to the School of Education’s Counseling Psychology Program to be used to support doctoral student research on diverse aspects of psychological trauma. The award is renewable contingent upon the student’s progress on the research. The research must be sponsored and supervised by a member of the Counseling Psychology faculty. The stipend associated with this Fellowship is $20,250 for 9 months.

**University of Miami Fellowship and Barbara Marks Scholarship**
Incoming students are eligible for the UM Fellowship and the Barbara Marks Scholarship. UM Fellowship nominations are made by the Admissions Committee and compete campus-wide; fellows receive $25,000 a year for 2 years as well as additional benefits. Traditionally, our students have been very competitive for this award. The Barbara Marks Scholarship is awarded annually to incoming full-time students on a merit basis, and the award can be renewed contingent on satisfactory progress up to a total of 4 years. The Scholarship is awarded to academically talented applicants who have detailed and credible plans to pursue academic careers. The Scholarship provides a supplement to graduate assistantships or fellowships, increasing the 9-month stipend to $25,000. Many of our current students have secured the Barbara Marks Scholarship to supplement their funding.

**Teaching Assistantships**
We have a limited opportunity for our students to teach undergraduate courses as graduate teaching fellows. Currently, these assistantships provide $20,250 in funding for 9 months. This experience is excellent preparation for a career in teaching or for careers in university counseling centers. Students have been invited to teach the following courses in the Department of Educational and Psychological Studies:

- EPS 270  Lifespan and Human Development
- EPS 351  Introduction to Statistics and Research Design
- EPS 440  Listening and Helping Skills
Other Financial Aid
Usually, students decide in collaboration with their research advisor whether they qualify to apply for the APA Minority Fellowship Program, which involves a national competition. A limited number of McKnight Fellowships are typically available as well. Students can apply directly for the McKnight Fellowship.

Information regarding APA Minority Fellowships is available from:
Minority Fellowship Program
American Psychological Association
750 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002-4242
(202) 336-5500
http://www.apa.org/pi/mfp/

Information on McKnight Fellowships can be obtained from:
The Florida Education Fund (FEF)
201 East Kennedy Boulevard
Suite 1525
Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 272-2772
http://www.fefonline.org/mdf.html

Housing
A variety of off-campus living options are available to our students. We are located in a large urban area, which offers a variety of options. The cost of housing depends on the area in which one chooses to live. Areas vary from trendy South Beach to suburban Kendall to lush Coral Gables.

Information regarding off-campus living is available from:
Department of Housing and Residential Life
University of Miami
Eaton Residential College
1211 Dickinson Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146
(305) 284-4505
http://www.miami.edu/sa/index.php/residential_life/off_campus/
The program requires the equivalent of at least three years of coursework, including at least three years of full-time residence at the University of Miami. A 1-year APA-accredited predoctoral internship is also required. Students entering with a master’s degree in the mental health field are expected to have taken the equivalent of the following graduate level courses as prerequisites, or they will be required to complete these courses during the doctoral program. Students entering without a master’s degree are required to complete these courses or their equivalent as part of the doctoral program.

**Counseling Prerequisite Courses:**
- EPS 667  Professional, Legal and Ethical Issues
- EPS 675  Therapeutic Group Procedures
- EPS 676  Counseling Process and Practice
- EPS 679  Lifespan Human Development
- EPS 683  Practicum Laboratory I
- EPS 700  Quantitative Methods I
- EPS 705  Measurement and Psychometric Theory

**Counseling Psychology Specialty Courses:**
- EPS 767  Counseling Psychology: Theory, Research & Practice I
- EPS 768  Counseling Psychology: Theory, Research & Practice II
- EPS 770  Psychological Appraisal I
- EPS 771  Psychological Appraisal II
- EPS 775  Doctoral Practicum I
- EPS 776  Doctoral Practicum II
- EPS 779  Vocational Psychology and Career Development
- EPS 780  Cultural Diversity and Mental Health
- EPS 782  Supervision in Counseling Psychology
- EPS 785  Preparing Future Faculty
- EPS 803  Internship in Counseling Psychology

**Basic Content in Scientific Psychology:**
- PSY 604  Cognition and Emotion
- PSY 605  Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSY 640  Adult Psychopathology
- EPS 781  Social Bases of Human Activity and Flourishing

**Research Competencies:**
- EPS 701  Introduction to Research Methods
- EPS 702  Quantitative Methods II
- EPS 703  Applied Multivariate Statistics
- EPS XXX  Elective
- EPS XXX  Elective

**Dissertation:**
- EPS 830  Pre-Candidacy Dissertation Research
- EPS 840  Post-Candidacy Dissertation Research
SAMPLE 5-YEAR DOCTORAL SEQUENCE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY
(for students with a mental health master’s degree)

First Year

Fall
EPS 767 Counseling Psychology Theory, Res. & Practice I (3)
EPS 701 Intro. to Research Methods (3)
EPS 702 Quantitative Methods II (3)
EPS 785 PFF Seminar (1)

Spring
EPS 768 Counseling Psychology Theory, Res. & Practice II (3)
EPS 703 Applied Multivariate Statistics (3)

Summer
EPS 780 Cultural Diversity and Mental Health (3)

Second Year

Fall
EPS 770 Psych. Appraisal I (3)
EPS 775 Doctoral Prac. I (1)
PSY 640 Adult Psychopathology (3)
EPS 830 Pre-Candidacy Dissert. (1)

Spring
EPS 771 Psych. Appraisal II (3)
EPS 775 Doctoral Prac. I (1)
EPS 781 Social Bases of Human Activity (3)
EPS 785 PFF Seminar (1)
EPS 830 Pre-Candidacy Dissert. (1)

Summer

Third Year

Fall
EPS 776 Doctoral Prac. II (1)
PSY 605 Cog. Neuroscience (3)
EPS 7xx Research Course Elective (3)
EPS 785 PFF Seminar (0)
EPS 830 Pre-Candidacy Dissert. (1)

Spring
EPS 776 Doctoral Prac. II (1)
PSY 604 Cognition and Emotion (3)
EPS 7xx Research Course Elective (3)
EPS 830 Pre-Candidacy Dissert. (1)

Summer
Qualifying Exam

Fourth Year

Fall
EPS 782 Supervision in Counseling Psychology (3)
EPS 840 Post-Candidacy Dissert. (1)

Spring
EPS 840 Post-Candidacy Dissert. (1)

Summer

Fifth Year

Fall
EPS 803 Internship in Counseling Psychology (1)

Spring
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### Prerequisite: Introductory Statistics

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Practicum Training

All students with a master’s degree complete two academic year-long practica. Students entering with a bachelor’s degree complete 3 years of practicum training. Prior to seeing clients, students are asked to obtain a background check. For all students, the first practicum is located in our on-campus training clinic, The Institute for Individual and Family Counseling (IIFC). The IIFC is a community-based, psychological services center located on the University of Miami campus.

Students complete a second (and sometimes third) year of practicum experience in an outplacement site in the community. The outplacement is arranged by the Director of the IIFC and tailored to enhance the student’s expressed career interests and internship plans. The outplacement site provides an important way for students to further develop their expertise with a particular population. Students have the opportunity to work with diverse populations including clients with a wide variety of ages, ethnic backgrounds, lifestyles, and issues at both the Institute and outplacement sites. We do not offer formal training in telehealth.

The following is a partial list of outside practicum sites where students receive training during their second and third years. Additional sites are continually being added with the approval of the Director of Training in order to meet the individual training needs of our students.

University Counseling Centers
- University of Miami Student Counseling Center
- Florida International University Counseling Center
- Barry University Student Counseling Center
- Florida Atlantic University Student Counseling Center

Hospitals
- Jackson Memorial Hospital
- Mailman Center for Child Development at Miller School of Medicine
- South Miami Hospital Nicklaus Children’s Hospital

Other sites
- Alliance for Psychological Services (forensic setting)
- Community Action and Human Services Department of Miami-Dade County
- Family Counseling Services
- Institute for Child & Family Health
- The Wellness Community (for cancer patients and their families)
Our students are very successful in obtaining high quality APA-accredited, funded internship sites (see placement statistics under “Student Admissions, Outcomes, and Other Data”). We provide extensive mentoring and preparation for internship application and placement. The following is a partial listing of the internship sites that students have obtained:

**University Counseling Centers**
- Arizona State University Counseling Center, Tempe, AZ
- Brigham Young University Counseling and Psychological Services, Provo, UT
- Florida International University Counseling and Psychological Services, Miami, FL
- University of Miami Counseling Center, Coral Gables, FL
- University of Pennsylvania Counseling and Psychological Services, Philadelphia, PA

**General Medical Centers**
- Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Providence, RI
- Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- GEOCARE/South Florida State Hospital, Davie, FL
- Harvard Medical School Cambridge Hospital - Adult/Child OPD, Cambridge, MA
- Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL
- Yale New Haven Hospital Behavioral Medicine Service, New Haven, CT

**VA Medical Centers**
- Ann Arbor VA Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
- Atlanta VA Medical Center, Atlanta, GA
- Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, Bay Pines, FL
- Edith Norse Rogers Memorial VA, Boston, MA
- Miami VA Medical Center, Miami, FL

**Community Mental Health Centers**
- Aurora Mental Health Center, Aurora, CO
- Citrus Health Network, Miami, FL
- Miami-Dade County Community Action & Health Services, Miami, FL
- Nova Southeastern Mental Health Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Research Training

Research experience is an integral part of the Program, and students have the opportunity to be continuously involved in an ongoing research group until they begin internship. Research groups provide experiential training in scholarly work. The purposes of this experience are to assist students in developing an understanding of research, cultivating student interest in scholarly activity, participating meaningfully in ongoing research activity, and preparing students to conduct a dissertation study. In short, the research group experience is designed to provide students with a research apprenticeship during which their interests and skills can be mentored.

During the first 2 years of graduate study, most students participate primarily in ongoing, faculty-initiated research projects, although there are sometimes opportunities for initiating new projects in conjunction with the faculty leader of a research group. Students have the opportunity to participate in many facets of research, including conceptualizing studies, literature reviews, collecting data, data analyses, assisting in drafting grants, and assisting in writing manuscripts. Each student will have different experiences depending on his or her knowledge, abilities, interests, and on what is needed in the particular research group.

Participation in the research group can lead to becoming a co-author of professional presentations and publications, depending on the student’s degree of involvement. We encourage students to participate fully in research so that they can have the experience of co-authoring papers. Most students co-author at least one presentation and/or publication during their training. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students.

If students have the opportunity to present a paper at a professional conference, the University has some travel funds available through the Graduate Association Fee Allocation Committee and for Student Travel Awards through the Office of Student Affairs.
Alumni Employment

Graduates of the Counseling Psychology Program work in a wide variety of settings. They are also engaged in many different kinds of activities, including research, grant writing, teaching, psychotherapy, assessment, consultation, psychoeducation, behavioral medicine interventions, and forensic work.

Alumni have secured employment in the following settings:

- Professional Associations
- College Counseling Centers
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Faculty at Universities
- For-profit Businesses
- Medical Schools
- Private Practice
- Research and Consulting Firms
- State and Federal Penitentiaries
- Veterans Administration Medical Centers
## Student Admissions, Outcomes, and Other Data

### Program Costs

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### Time to Completion for all students entering the program

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Please note that students may be admitted with or without a Master’s degree. The figures shown in the table present time to completion combined for all students, regardless of graduate coursework prior to admission. Students who have taken graduate coursework prior to admission can petition for course waivers of courses taken. There is no limit to the number of waivers we accept. Petitions for course waivers are evaluated to determine whether the courses are (a) fully equivalent, (b) partially equivalent, or (c) not equivalent. Students who are able to waive out of courses may lower their time to graduation, depending on the number of courses waived.
### Internship Placement - Table 1

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LYDIA P. BUKI, Associate Professor  
Ph.D., 1995, Arizona State University

Lydia P. Buki, Ph.D., is Associate Professor and Director of Training of the Counseling Psychology program. She earned her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from Arizona State University in 1995. She joined the University of Miami in January 2013, with previous appointments at the University of Illinois and Colorado State University.

Dr. Buki’s research focuses on the psychosocial, cultural, individual, and institutional factors that contribute to mental health and cancer disparities in medically underserved Latina/o populations. Having grown up in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she applies her bilingual and bicultural skills to work with the Latina/o population in the U.S. Dr. Buki uses qualitative and quantitative methods to answer various research questions. More recently, with her collaborators she completed a national survey in Uruguay on the influence of knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and emotions, on breast cancer screening behaviors. In 2011, she published a co-edited book with Dr. Lissette Piedra titled *Creating Infrastructures for Latino Mental Health*.

Dr. Buki has served the profession in numerous roles, and has worked extensively with federal agencies as well as with the American Psychological Association. She is the Editor of *The Counseling Psychologist*, has been Associate Editor of the journal *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, and was a founding member of the DHHS Office on Women’s Health, Minority Women’s Health Panel of Experts. Her research has been funded by the National Cancer Institute. In addition, she has been active in governance at the American Psychological Association, having served on the Committee of Women in Psychology and the Board of Professional Affairs.

Through the years, Dr. Buki has received numerous awards for research, teaching, leadership, and service. She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association Divisions 17 and 45.

BLAINE FOWERS, Professor  
Ph.D., 1987, University of Texas at Austin

Blaine Fowers joined the University of Miami faculty in 1990, served as the Director of Training of the doctoral program in Counseling Psychology from 1997 to 2005, and as EPS Department Chairperson from 2005 until July 2009. He was the program coordinator for the Master’s program in Counseling from 2005 to 2007. He served as an assistant professor at the University of New Mexico before coming to Miami.

In his role as a teacher, Fowers provides instruction in research methods, preparing future faculty, and social bases of behavior.

Fowers is the author of the books, *The Evolution of Ethics: Human Sociality and the Emergence of Ethical Mindedness*, *Human Flourishing: Unavoidable Frailties and Necessary Virtues*, *Finding Virtue in Psychology*, *Re-envisioning Psychology*, and *Beyond the Myth of Marital Happiness*. He has given many keynote and invited addresses domestically and abroad. His primary scholarly interest is in the ethical dimension of psychology. Fowers is particularly interested in the interplay of virtues, cultural ideals, and human flourishing in psychological practices and ordinary life. In a series of articles, chapters, and books, he has applied this framework to the study of marriage, multiculturalism, evolution, and psychotherapy.
to better understand the nature of human thriving. His current scholarly projects focus on elaborating and investigating eudaimonic theory (Aristotle’s understanding of human flourishing) and its proposal that the pursuit of characteristically human goods such as knowledge and justice are central activities in human flourishing.

Fowers is a licensed psychologist and Fellow of the American Psychological Association’s Division 24 (Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology) and member of Division 17 (Society of Counseling Psychology). He is an approved supervisor of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He is an editorial board member of the *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology* and has co-edited two issues of the *American Behavioral Scientist*.

DEBBIESIU LEE, Associate Professor
Ph.D., 2005, Arizona State University

Debbiesiu L. Lee joined the University of Miami faculty in August 2006. Lee’s research focuses on examining how individuals (racial and ethnic minorities, LGBT) cope with discrimination and the impact of discrimination on mental health, physical health, educational, and employment outcomes. She is also exploring issues related to multicultural competence development and training, and identity development. In her publications, Lee advocates for the use of nontraditional methodologies in multicultural research. Her articles have appeared in the *Journal of Counseling Psychology, The Counseling Psychologist, Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development,* and *Psychotherapy.* Most recently, she co-edited a book titled *Contemporary Parenting: A Global Perspective.*

In her clinical work, Dr. Lee’s passion is in working with low-income, families of color. She has specialized in serving young children, adolescents and their families, particularly in issues related to trauma and mood disorders. Since arriving at UM, she has taught courses focused on multicultural issues in counseling and psychology, lifestyle and career counseling, clinical practicum, and supervision in counseling psychology. Dr. Lee is a member of the American Psychological Association and a Fellow of APA Minority Fellowship Program.

ROBERT McMAHON, Professor
Ph.D., 1973, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Dr. McMahon joined the University of Miami faculty in 1977. He teaches and supervises doctoral students in counseling psychology and master’s degree students in mental health counseling. Dr. McMahon’s research focuses on psychological and social factors that contribute to health risk behavior in racially and ethnically diverse populations. His investigations involve adults and adolescents in psychiatric and drug treatment, youth in the criminal justice system, and young adults aging out of the foster care system. Studies address social and economic stressors, supportive relationships, personality, and coping factors that influence development and maintenance of substance abuse, sexual risk behaviors, and criminal conduct. Research findings have been used to guide development of prevention and remedial interventions.

A member of the American Psychological Association, Dr. McMahon is a licensed psychologist in the State of Florida and is Board Certified in Counseling Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. He provides clinical supervision at the Institute for Individual and Family Counseling at the
GUERDA NICOLAS, Professor
Ph.D., 1998, Boston University

Originally from Haiti, Nicolas obtained her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Boston University. She completed her predoctoral training at Columbia University Medical Center and her postdoctoral training at the New York State Psychiatric Institute/Columbia University, Department of Child Psychiatry. She is a license psychologist and focused her practice in the area of children, family, and community well-being. Prior to coming to University of Miami, she held faculty positions at Boston College as well as the College of Saint Elizabeth in New Jersey.

As a multicultural (Haitian American) and multilingual psychologist (Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole), her research is reflective of her background and interests. Her current research projects focus on developing culturally effective mental health intervention for people of color, with a specific focus on immigrant children, adolescents, and families. In addition, she conducts research on social support networks of Caribbean population with a specific focus on Haitians; spirituality and adolescents; and social support and mental health of Blacks. She has published books, many articles, and book chapters and delivered numerous invited presentations at national and international conferences in the areas of women issues, depression and cultural interventions, social support networks of ethnic minorities, and spirituality. Most recently, she co-edited the book *Contemporary Parenting: A Global Perspective*.

Dr. Nicolas is an active member of the American Psychological Association, having served on divisional committees for Division 12, 17, 35, and 45. In addition, she has been a member of several APA committees including the Committee on International Relations in Psychology, Strategic Planning Committee, and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists. In addition to APA, she has been an active member of the Caribbean Studies Association, the Haitian Studies Association, and the Caribbean Alliance of National Psychological Associations (CANPA). She served as president of the Haitian Studies Association, the Psychology of Black Women of Division 35, and the Section of Ethnic Minorities of Division 12. Currently she serves as the Secretary General of CANPA.

LISSETTE M. PEREZ-LIMA, Clinical Assistant Professor
Ph.D., 2000, Texas A&M University

Lissette M. Perez-Lima, Ph.D., is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the Institute for Individual and Family Counseling. Dr. Perez-Lima received her doctoral degree in counseling psychology from Texas A&M University and her Master’s degree in mental health counseling at the University of Miami. She completed her predoctoral internship at Boston Children’s Hospital/Harvard Medical School and her postdoctoral work at the University of Miami.

Dr. Perez-Lima joined the University of Miami in June 2012. Previously, she provided direct services to children and families diagnosed with medical conditions, consulted with health professionals, developed psychological services in specialty clinics, and trained doctoral students in practica.

As director of the Institute for Individual and Family Counseling, the Department’s training clinic, she oversees the clinical training and supervision of graduate students. She also coordinates their field placements and leads a course on professional issues and advanced practice in case conceptualization.
As a bilingual licensed psychologist, she has an interest in working with children and families of Latino backgrounds. Additional areas of interest are consultation/liaison and supervision.

A member of the American Psychological Association, Dr. Perez-Lima is also on the Board of Directors of The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment.

DANIEL A. SANTISTEBAN, Professor
Ph.D., 1991, University of Miami

Dr. Santisteban completed his undergraduate work at Rutgers University, received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Miami, and completed his predoctoral internship at Bellevue Hospital/ NYU. Dr. Santisteban began his research at the Spanish Family Guidance Center/Center for Family Studies investigating the process and outcomes of family therapy and adolescent treatment, and identifying the ways in which cultural factors influence the treatment process.

A licensed psychologist, his more recent program of research has led to the development of an adaptive and evidence-based family therapy called Culturally Informed and Flexible Family Based Treatment for Adolescents (CIFFTA). CIFFTA eschews a “one size fits all” approach, creates a process for tailoring the treatment to the unique adolescents and family cultural and clinical characteristics, and includes decision rules that will allow the treatment to be replicated.

Dr. Santisteban, a member of the American Psychological Association, has been the recipient of six NIH clinical research grants to develop and test enhancements to family treatments for special populations, a grant from the American Suicide Foundation, and more recently a SAMHSA grant to provide training in Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment. His lab welcomes students, postdoctoral fellows, and professionals who wish to learn family therapy and family research.

Dr. Santisteban has published over 35 book chapters and articles on family therapy outcomes, family processes, cultural competence, adolescent co-occurring disorders, and the blending of research and practice. He is the co-editor of the book *Family Psychology: Science-Based Interventions*. In addition, he has received numerous awards including the 2004 American Family Therapy Academy award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Systems Research, and the 2012 University of Miami Civic Engagement Award. He has been a contributor to national NIH grant review committees, treatment guidelines panels, journal editorial boards, and consults with State agencies focused on bridging research and practice.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the scientist-practitioner model?

A: The scientist-practitioner model is based upon the concept that psychologists should be well versed both in research and clinical practice. If a psychologist is not conducting research but practicing in the field, it remains important to be able to critically evaluate published literature in order to continue to provide empirically supported services. Similarly, researchers function best when they are aware of the clinical utility of the research they conduct so that it may be reasonably applied in the field. Thus, an integration of the understanding of both research and clinical practice is vital to the advancement of the field of psychology.

Q: How much emphasis is placed on research versus clinical training?

A: The Counseling Psychology Program adheres to the scientist-practitioner model. The Program aims to devote approximately equal effort to research and clinical training, and to integrating the two pursuits.

Q: Is financial aid available/How do I finance my continued education?

A: Doctoral students typically obtain a graduate assistantship. The assistantship requires approximately 20 hours of work per week. It carries both a stipend and a tuition remission benefit. The monthly stipend for this varies, but the current stipend for a graduate assistant in the School of Education who works 20 hs./week for 9 months is $20,250. This funding includes a full tuition waiver for required courses. Additional funding in smaller amounts is also available through scholarships, the Graduate Student Association, and a variety of other funding sources. Students can also apply for loans through the Office of Financial Aid.

Q: What is the application deadline?

A: December 1st of the year prior to entrance; however, it is recommended that materials are submitted as soon as possible to ensure the file is complete in advance of review. Applications are only considered once a year for the program beginning in the Fall semester. International applicants should send their completed application to the EPS Graduate Admissions office by October 15 of the year prior to entrance.

Q: Is there a minimum GPA or GRE score to be considered for the program?

A: There are no absolute minimum scores required for admission. There are seven admissions criteria including: (a) the Graduate Record Examination Verbal and Quantitative scores, (b) undergraduate and graduate grade point averages, (c) the relevance of the applicant’s academic background, (d) previous experience in counseling, (e) previous experience in research, (f) a personal statement, and (g) three letters of recommendation. Individual applications are considered as a whole and applicants may be able to compensate for relative weakness in one area with strengths in other areas. The more strengths the applicant has, the better are the chances for acceptance.

Q: Must I have a Master’s degree in counseling or a related field to be admitted?

A: A master’s degree is not required for admission. Keep in mind, however, that a master’s degree in counseling or a closely related field is a valuable asset for admission. Applicants who do not have such a degree will need to have other strengths to compensate for the absence of training in counseling. We frequently accept students without a master’s in counseling degree who are otherwise highly qualified.
Frequently Asked Questions, Continued...

Q: Can I enroll in the program part time?

A: No. This program is quite demanding and thus part-time enrollment is not possible. Our philosophy is that training in a professional discipline involves a significant degree of socialization into the profession. In other words, students learn a great deal from spending significant amounts of time with faculty and with other psychologists on campus in classes, research settings, and practicum. This can only be accomplished in a full-time program.

Q: Will I have the opportunity to co-author professional presentations and papers?

A: Yes! The Program strongly encourages students’ participation in presentations and publications. Many students present papers with the faculty leader of their research group. Most students have already co-authored publications by the time they graduate from our Program.

Q: How many years does it take to complete the program?

A: As our program is individualized for each student, this will vary. However, if you enter the program with all the prerequisites and work at the typical pace, you will complete the coursework in 4 years followed by a 1 year internship. Students complete their dissertations on varying schedules depending on the topic, their ability to focus their efforts, their motivation, and other contingencies. It is not unusual for students to complete their dissertations before they complete their internships, which results in completing the degree in 5 years. The average length of time for obtaining the degree is 6 years.

Q: What kinds of jobs do people who graduate from the program get?

A: Graduates from the Program work in a variety of settings. These settings include academic positions, clinical research positions, private practice, Veteran’s Affairs Medical Centers, hospitals, college counseling centers, business positions, and others.

Q: What kind of license does the Program prepare me for?

A: The program prepares you to obtain licensure as a doctoral-level Psychologist. However, every state has different requirements in terms of exams and years of postdoctoral experience required for licensure. Postdoctoral experience required is usually 1 -2 years. All states require that applicants take a national licensing exam, and most require a state exam as well.

For additional information on the doctoral program in Counseling Psychology please contact us by email at l.buki@miami.edu or by phone at 305-284-2230.
ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Questions related to the program’s accredited status should be directed to the Commission on Accreditation:

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